

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
Attorney Docket No.: Q77409
U.S. Application No.: 10/657,149

REMARKS

This is supplemental to the Amendment filed January 10, 2007.

Amendment summary

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-2, 5-7, and 9-18 will be pending.

Claims 11-18 are added. Claim 11 includes the subject matter of Claim 8, as Claim 8 existed following the Amendment of December 7, 2005. When examining those claims, the Examiner indicated that Claim 8 was allowed (along with Claim 9, which depended from Claim 8). Therefore, Applicants have rewritten the subject matter of Claim 8 as it existed following the Amendment of December 7, 2005 into independent form, as Claim 11.

Claims 12-18 depend from Claim 11 and should be allowed for at least the same reasons that Claim 11 is allowed.

Applicants note that the subject matter of Claims 12-18 correspond to the subject matter of Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 10, as those claims existed following the Amendment of December 7, 2005.

No new matter is added by this Amendment, and Applicants respectfully submit that entry of this Amendment is proper.

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Status of the claims

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 5-7, and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Wakisaka et al. in view of Kinoshita et al. and Lee et al. Claims 8 and 9 were allowed. Applicants responded in the Amendment filed January 10, 2007.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this § 103(a) rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5-7, and 10, and consideration of the new claims presented herein.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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